CENLEX Santo Tomás – English Academy Song Project

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Song Practice: She Said She Said

Focus: Reported Speech

1. Copy and Analyze

- Copy the lyrics of the song in your notebook.
- Identify the direct speech sentences (for example: She said, “I know what it’s like to be dead”).
- Underline at least 5 examples of direct speech.

2. Grammar & Vocabulary

Grammar Focus: Reported Speech

- Direct speech: She said, “I’m happy.”
- Reported speech: She said (that) she was happy.

Rules:

- Present → Past (I am → she was)
- Past → Past Perfect (I went → she had gone)
- Will → Would (I will → she would)
- Can → Could (I can → she could)

Task: Convert these examples from the song into reported speech:

1. She said, “I know what it’s like to be dead.”
   → _ She said that she knew what it was like to be dead___

2. She said, “I know what it is to be sad.”
   → _ She said that she knew what it was to be sad.___

3. She said, “You don’t understand what I said.”
   → _ She said that I didn’t understand what she had said.__

4. She said, “You don’t understand what I know.”
   → _ She said that I didn’t understand what she knew.____

Vocabulary

1. Understand – to know the meaning of something.
2. Dead – not alive.
3. Sad – unhappy.
4. Know – to be aware of something.

3. Grammar Practice

Write 5 new sentences in direct speech, then rewrite them in reported speech.
(Example: He said, “I like music.” → He said that he liked music.)

Direct Speech:

- Maria said, “I am learning English every day”
- John said, “I will help you with your homework”
- Ana said, “I can play the guitar very well”
- Peter said, “I have never been to Paris”
- Laura said, “I want to travel next summer”

Reported Speech:

- Maria said that she was learning English every day
- John said that he would help me with my homework
- Ana said that she could play the guitar very well
- Peter said that he had never been to Paris
- Laura said that she wanted to travel next summer

4. Interpretation

Answer in your own words:
1. What emotions are expressed in the song?

The song expresses confusion, fear, and curiosity
2. Why do you think the Beatles used direct speech in the lyrics?

To make the listener feel like they are part of the conversation
3. How does reported speech help us share stories or conversations?

Reported speech lets us tell others what someone said without quoting them word-for-word

5. Illustrate the Song

Draw or find 1–4 images that represent the meaning of the song.

6. Cultural Note

She Said She Said is a song from the 1966 Beatles album Revolver. It was inspired by a conversation with actor Peter Fonda in California. The song expresses confusion, sadness, and reflection, showing how language can turn thoughts into dialogue. It is also a great example for practicing reported speech in English.